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PREFACE

The Book of Services for Congregational Worship is the outcome of the labors of a Committee appointed on November 14, 1911, by the Directors of the American Unitarian Association. The Committee consisted of Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, Rev. Howard N. Brown, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Rev. William S. Jones, Rev. John H. Lathrop, Rev. Sydney B. Snow. The book has been prepared to meet the growing demand for a convenient and well-considered manual of worship adapted to the use of the Free Churches of the Congregational order. For this reason the simple order of service adopted is the form already familiar in many of these churches. It has had a natural growth and is, apparently, best suited to their common requirements. No part of the book as it stands bears the stamp of any single mind. It is the product of a group of minds, fairly representative of different shades of judgment and experience. In the preparation of the first five services the Committee has limited itself for the most part to editing material already at hand; this has been taken from a wide variety of sources, both ancient and modern. The services for special days and occasions reflect to a greater extent the individual taste and feeling of the members of the Committee.

That the work of the Committee, protracted and painstaking as it has been, has provided a final solution for the problem of public worship would be too much to claim. Services put together with far less thought have, however, held their place for years and have become endeared to the congregations using them. The members of the Committee cherish the hope that the services now offered will win for themselves an even deeper esteem. They are bold enough to think that the suggested readings and prayers contain less to which reasonable minds can make objection and more that is of the highest rank as an expression of religious thought and feeling than any heretofore employed in our churches. Especially do they believe that the Responsive Readings from the Psalms are the best ever compiled for general use.

With the fervent hope that these utterances of the spirit which searcheth the deep things of God may commend themselves to all who are striving to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, these services for congregational worship are offered to the churches of the Free Christian faith.

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FIRST SERVICE

¶ One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together; for with him is the fountain of life, and in his light shall we see light. *Psalms* xxxiv. 3; xxxvi. 9.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. *Genesis* xxviii. 16, 17.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? *Micah* vi. 6, 8.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. *Matthew* vii. 21.

Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. *James* i. 25.

Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. The Lord our God will we serve and his voice will we obey. *Joshua* xxiv. 15, 24.

¶ To be said by the minister

With reverence and gratitude we adore the Eternal Goodness which makes our lives so rich and fruitful. Let us lift up our hearts unto the Lord, and bless his holy name; and may our praises and our prayers help to make our whole life an offering pure and acceptable in his sight.

Let us pray.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

O Thou, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and on earth: we praise thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks unto thee for all thou art to us, and all thou doest for us, day by day. For reason and conscience, for nurture and guidance, and for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for thy forbearance and long-suffering, and thy tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for thy promise, and our hope of good in time to come; for these and all other mercies, known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we will give thanks unto thee now and evermore. Amen.

¶ To be said by minister and people alternately

O God, the source of all being and all joy:

Let thy blessing be upon us, and fill us with thy love.

From all jealousy and envy, from all unkindness, from offence given or taken, from unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit, from a hard and unforgiving temper, and from evil-speaking,

O Lord, deliver us.

From an unquiet and discontented spirit, from despondency and gloom,

O Lord, deliver us.

From fears and misgivings, from doubts of thy boundless love, and from forgetfulness of thy tender mercies,

O Lord, deliver us.

Inspire in us, we pray thee, that spirit which suffereth long and is kind; which envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; which doth not behave itself unseemly, and seeketh not its own;

Grant us to be filled with the fulness of thy spirit.

Quicken in us that charity which is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; the charity which never faileth.

That so by thy grace we may establish good will upon the earth.

O thou who art the God and Father of us all, who hast breathed thine own spirit into thy children and made us to be at one with each other as members of thy household: enable us, we pray thee, to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Amid diversities of knowledge and of faith, may we be one in spirit, in brotherly affection and in devotion to thy holy will. Deliver us from all blindness and prejudice, and whatsoever else would turn our hearts from one another. By the charity of our temper and thoughts, may we show forth the power of the gospel of love, and live in unity with all our brethren, as followers of the Prince of Peace.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Father of lights and Giver of all good, we praise thee that thou callest us to share as thine own sons and daughters the life of freedom, truth and love. Grant, we pray thee, that in purity of heart we may receive and manifest the blessings of thy universal life here in thy kingdom upon earth and in thy presence evermore. *Amen.*

O God, grant unto us that we be not unwise, but filled with the knowledge of thy will; not slothful, but diligent in thy work; that we run not as uncertainly, nor fight thy battles as those that beat the air. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with our might: that when thou shalt call thy laborers to receive their reward, we shall have so run that we may obtain; have so fought the good fight as to receive the crown of eternal life. *Amen.*

We thank thee, O God, for the endless renewing of life. Thou that art never weary of setting us free from the bonds wherewith we have bound ourselves, make us to walk in this new day without fear or any kind of bondage. Open our eyes to receive new light; open our ears to hear the voices that are calling to us to make the world new by the power of love. Fit us for the task that is ours, and endue us with the spirit of that heavenly kingdom which is to come upon the earth where all shall be brothers and men shall be the people of God. *Amen.*

Clear, O Lord, our inner vision, that we may see through the false shows of life, and be kept calm and true by thy great realities. Waken us from the dreams of the earthly mind in its forgetfulness of thee. Reveal to the young what it is to live this great life of opportunity; and fill them with the pure and undefiled religion which will keep them unspotted from the world. And in the hearts of elders let not the fires die nor their work linger, till they are overtaken by the lengthening shadows of their appointed time. Though we know nothing of the morrow, may we be faithful to-day; gladly accepting the humblest task that waits for us by thy will and shines with the holy light of thine approval. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all who put their trust in thee: we pray for the good estate of this our beloved land, that it may please thee to preserve to us the blessings of an equal and impartial freedom. Unite in mutual understanding men of alien race and faith; revive in all hearts a spirit of devotion to the public good, that strife and tumult may be appeased and justice and truth be exalted. Enable us and all thy people faithfully to discharge the duties of our different spheres, that so the kingdom of brotherhood and peace may be hastened upon the earth and thy will be done even as now it is done in heaven. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or, a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn, and the benediction*

SECOND SERVICE

¶ One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. *Psalm* ciii. 1.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. *Psalm* cxxxvi. 1.

Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. *Psalm* c. 3, 4.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *Matthew* vii. 7, 8.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalm* cxxxix. 23, 24.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. *Psalm* cxlv. 18.

¶ To be said by the minister

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us draw nigh to him who heareth prayer; and let us remember that he listeneth more to our hearts than to our words. Let each of us bring an offering of penitence, if not of purity; of love, if not of holiness; of teachableness, if not of wisdom; of devout obedience for the time to come, if not the fruits of well-doing in the time that is past. And may we obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us pray.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

O God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: we are heartily sorry for the sins which we have at any time committed, in thought or affection, in word or deed. We pray thee to look graciously upon us and forgive us. Help us to lay aside every weight and the sins which so easily beset us. We offer thee our whole being, our bodies and souls, to be thy temple for ever. Take us, O Lord, into thy hands, and let nothing henceforward, either in life or death, separate us from thee any more. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

Almighty and most merciful God, toward whose everlasting blessedness we ascend by the strong desire of the soul, and by patient continuance in well-doing; lead us by thine inspiration to seek our true life with thee, and earnestly to strive to enter thy heavenly kingdom.

Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us.

Set us free from the bondage of self-will, and passion, and ungodly desire, that sin may not have dominion over us; but that with a willing mind we may serve thee, the Lord of heaven and earth.

Sanctify and renew us in the spirit of our minds.

From unrighteous anger and an impatient temper; from an uncharitable judgment and readiness to believe evil; from inordinate cares and needless anxieties; from complaints against thee and from rebellion against thy holy will:—

O Lord, deliver us.

Give us a wise and understanding heart, a fervent and faithful spirit, a love of holy things, and a longing for whatsoever is good and pure.

Lord, fix our hearts on thee.

Grant that we faint not, but though our outward man perish, may our inward man be renewed day by day.

Help us to live and walk in thy spirit.

Protect and bless our friends and kindred, and so fill us with gentleness and kindness that we may dwell in our homes with a perfect heart, and have joy in each other which passeth not away.

Hear us and bless us as we pray.

Assist us in all our doings with thy gracious favor and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name.

Lord, our trust is in thee.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Almighty God, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of thy grace: deliver us when we draw near to thee from coldness of heart and wandering of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

O God, our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, and our eternal home, be unto us merciful, long suffering, and patient: that we who are slow of growth may hope to come at last to thy likeness; and, being upheld by thee, may go from strength to strength, until, having safely passed through the joy and duty of this earthly life, we come, in the fulness of thy mercy, into the land of thine eternal peace. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art the author of every good and perfect gift: send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for thine infinite mercy's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who dost behold all the dwellers upon earth: most heartily we beseech thee to behold with thy favor the President and Congress of the United States; and so replenish them with the grace of thy holy spirit that they may incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, that they may be enabled to promote the national prosperity and to secure the peace, liberty, and safety of the United States, throughout all generations. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind: we pray thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

O Thou who hast compassed all the pathway of our lives: we thank thee that thy providence abides through every change. Thou dost cheer the loneliest lot with the comfort of thy presence, and we bless thee for thine unfailing care. Into thine own eternity thou hast called us, and set us in the midst of purposes we cannot measure; but we would thank thee for the good we know, and pray that thou wilt teach us patience till thou send more light. Waken our hearts to gratitude, O God, for mercies which have flowed upon us, day by day, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in labor and repose. Give us grace to serve thee with our whole lives, that all manner of darkness and evil may be driven from our hearts, and that we may walk with joy in the way of thy commandment to love thee with our whole heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. *Amen.*

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THIRD SERVICE

¶ One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister

There is one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. *Ephesians* iv. 6.

The hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 *Corinthians* iii. 16.

For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. *Romans* viii. 14.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 *John* iii. 1.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. *Proverbs* iv. 18.

Come walk in his way with songs of joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. *Isaiah* xxvi. 3.

¶ To be said by the minister

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live and move and have our being.

Let us pray.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

O Thou unseen, yet ever near our souls: anew we ask, with common needs and sympathies, thy help and blessing in our lives. Be with us now, as we remember before thee our struggles and our failures. Lord, we confess our unworthiness, and ask of thee more strength for duty, and a deeper faith. Take us into the fellowship of all pure hearts that cry to thee; teach us our kin with all who have conquered in difficulty, and loved even through their pain; and so make our worship fruitful in toil and trust. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O Thou eternal and everlasting One, who hath chosen for thy temple the souls of them that are righteous: grant to us, we pray thee, a quick and tender conscience, that we fail not to heed every suggestion of thine indwelling spirit.

Lift us into thy light and truth.

Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect will, the gladness of thy service, the power of thy presence in our hearts, that so without fear we may follow whithersoever thou dost lead.

Be thou, O Lord, our guide and help for evermore.

Calm the turbulence of our passions, quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears, repress the waywardness of our wills, and direct the motions of our affections.

Strengthen us to bear our trials patiently and to glorify thee through our daily life.

We pray thee to bless and comfort the aged, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to preserve all whom we love from the dangers of this present life.

Prepare them, O Lord, by thy grace for life eternal.

Sanctify us by thy quickening presence, that no ignorance or sin may pervert us, and deepen in our minds such a sense of thy goodness that we may ever devote ourselves to thy service in word and deed, and praising thee both with our lips and our lives may go onward, through thy mercy, to the joy of life everlasting.

Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

O God, who puttest into our hearts such deep desires that we cannot be at peace until we rest in thee: mercifully grant that the longing of our souls may not go unsatisfied because of any unrighteousness of life that may separate us from thee. Open our minds to the counsels of eternal wisdom; breathe into our souls the peace which passeth understanding. Let our hunger and thirst be for righteousness, that we may be filled with the bread of heaven. O Lord, give us grace to seek first thy kingdom; and we know that thou wilt add unto us all things needful. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, who never failest them that trust in thee: give us grace in all difficulties and distresses to rest in the assurance of thy wisdom and thy love. Thou wilt keep him, O Lord, in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. Suffer us not to be oppressed with the cares of this life, but grant that, having done our part in all honesty and diligence, we may cheerfully commit ourselves to thy providence, casting all our cares on thee, and being strengthened to say, even in our darkest hour, Father, not our will, but thine, be done. *Amen.*

Thou who art the Providence of the World, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: let thy blessing now rest upon us as a people. Enable every race which thou hast drawn hither by thy guiding spirit to dedicate its noblest gifts to the common good. Grant us wisdom to make the homes of our land abodes of comfort; grant us knowledge to lead all children in the right way. Inspire us with a new sense of sympathy for those who are in sorrow, need, or any other adversity, and for those who are worn with excessive toil. Hasten the day when the sense of kinship shall be firm and strong. Increase in us the manifold gifts of thy spirit, that through thy counsel and might we may do those works which glorify thee and gladden and uplift human lives. So, as co-workers with thee, shall we help to establish good will upon the earth, and to bring thy kingdom to every heart. *Amen.*

O Thou who art the strength of all souls: guide us through the darkness of this world, guard us from its perils, hold us up and strengthen us when we grow weary in our mortal way; and lead us by thy chosen paths, through time and through death, to our eternal home in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn, and the benediction*

FOURTH SERVICE

¶ One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah* xl. 3.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary: they shall walk, and not faint. *Isaiah* xl. 31.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. *Psalm* xxiv. 3, 4, 5.

Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think toward you; ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken to you; ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah* xxix. 11, 12, 13.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 *Corinthians* iii. 16, 17.

¶ To be said by the minister

God, in whom we live and move and have our being, never leaves us day or night. But the very nearness and custom of his presence hide him from our infirm and sinful hearts, temptations gain a shameful power, and the good that is in us droops and fades. To clear such blindness away and recover the pure wisdom of a Christian mind, we are called to this day of remembrance and this house of prayer. Entering here, therefore, we cross the threshold of eternal things, and commune with the Father who seeth in secret. Let us shake off the dust of transitory care, and every disguise that can come between us and God; and remembering whose disciples we strive to be, come to the simplicity, though it should be also to the sorrows of the Christ.

Let us pray.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

O God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion; still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm or shadow from the heat of life? In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest and art ever nigh; in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul; in our prosperity and ease, it is thy spirit only that can wean us from our pride, and keep us low. O thou sole source of peace and righteousness,

take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

¶ To be said by minister and people alternately

Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with thy saints in all ages, with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, with our beloved dead who have fallen asleep in thy peace: we, who are still striving to do and bear thy blessed will on earth, adore thee, and offer thee our praises and supplications.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech thee.

We ask of thee that wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Give us, we pray thee, wisdom from above.

Help us to walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

So may we fulfil the law of love.

Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves anew to the work which thou layest on conscience and heart.

In all we do, be thou, O Lord, our strength and help.

Lead us by thy chosen paths, through the perils of this mortal life, to our eternal home in thy heavenly kingdom.

Mercifully grant our prayers, O Lord.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his spirit and the love of Christ:

Be glory in the church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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Eternal God, who dost commit to us the swift and solemn trust of life: waken us now, we pray thee, to the claims of thy holy will: lay to rest, by the persuasion of thy spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence and fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet must go; and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will, that so we may be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death and confident of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Almighty Lord, of whose righteous will all things are, and were created; who liftest the islands out of the deep, and preparest not in vain the habitable world: thou hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness. Make us equal to our high trusts, reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. With all thy blessings bless thy servant the President of the United States. Fill his heart with loyalty to thee. To our legislators and counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how thou hatest robbery for burnt-offering; that the gains of industry may be upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times and our deepest trust be in thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. *Amen.*

O God, who didst appoint thy church to be witness of divine things in all the world: revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony: and through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passions, let it make the still small voice of thy spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may thy kingdom come from age to age; meeting the face of the young as a rising dawn, and brightening the song of the old, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." Already let its light abash our guilty negligence, and touch with hope each secret sorrow of the earth. By thy cleansing spirit make this world a fitting fore-court to that sanctuary not made with hands, where our life is hid with Christ in God. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn, and the benediction*

FIFTH SERVICE

¶ *One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister*

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. *Psalm* cxxxvi. 1.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord; and we shall live in his sight. Let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is as sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth. *Hosea* vi. 1, 2.

It is of the Lord's loving-kindnesses that we are not cast down, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. *Lamentations* iii. 22, 23, 24.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, long suffering and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. *Psalm* cxlv. 8, 9.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. *Psalm* xxxvii. 7.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens. *Lamentations* iii. 40, 41.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men; and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. *Revelation* xxi. 3.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. *Matthew* v. 8.

¶ *To be said by the minister*

The heavenly Father, in whose presence we now stand, is always more ready to hear than we to pray; nor does anything hide him from us but the veil of our impure and earthly mind. And since the preparations of even the willing heart are not without him, let us inwardly pray for the grace of a humble and contrite spirit, that for a little while we may rise above the haste and press of life, and commune with him in spirit and in truth.

Let us pray.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Infinite and gracious Father, giver of all good, to know whom even but in part is to lay hold upon thine eternal life, grant unto us thy children the peace, joy, and courage which come to those whose lives are lived in the spirit of the Master of men, and centred and rooted in the thought of thee. Fix in us each noble hope, each worthy purpose; free our minds from needless fears and cares; confirm our faith in thine Eternal Righteousness that so, as worthy disciples of him whose example we would follow, we may go forward striving to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O God, our true life, in whom and by whom all things live, who by thy spirit dost command us to seek thee, and art ever ready to be found; to know thee is life, to serve thee is freedom, to praise thee is the joy and happiness of the soul.

We praise, and bless thee, and give thanks for thy great glory.

For seasons of bounty and of beauty, for nights of quiet sleep, for days of health, for the glory of earth, and its ministry to our need,

We bless thy name, O Lord.

For all the generations before us who through effort and pain have wrought so that we might be heirs of liberty and truth and peace,

We thank thee, our Father, and pray that we may enter into this heritage.

For opportunities used and unused, for victories over besetting sins, for the gladness and courage abiding with loyalty,

We praise thee, O God.

For the discipline that enriches, for the burden that strengthens, for the failure that is true success, and for the sorrow that enlarges the heart,

For these also we rejoice and give thee thanks.

For the soul and its powers, for the impulse to share, to serve, and to save,

We give thee thanks, O Lord.

Keep us, we pray thee, in thy love; and in and through the quickening of our spirits make us worthy of sonship with thee.

And to thee be the honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open thou our eyes.

That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a responsive reading from the Psalms, a scripture lesson, and the singing of anthems or hymns, in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister to read one or more of the following or offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

O Lord our God, who turnest into morning the shadows of night, grant

that we may be children of the light and of the day. Let the sun of thy righteousness shine in our hearts. Enlighten our minds, animate our consciences, and purify our affections. We give ourselves to thee this day. So rule and govern us by thy spirit that faithless distrust and all evil thoughts may be driven from our minds; that we may walk with joy in the light of thy countenance and in the way of thy salvation. *Amen.*

O Thou, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendeth us the alternate mercies of the darkness and the day: as thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else decline, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of him who with fewest hours finished thy divine work. And unto thee, whose we are and whom we serve, will we render praise now and for evermore. *Amen.*

O Thou, who by thy spirit art continually calling us to be sons of God and who hast set one before us that he might be as the first-born of many brethren, help us, we pray thee, to renounce all vain and evil ways, that so we may be like him in faith and love and heavenly communion, and finally attain, through thy grace, unto the measure of the stature of that fulness which thou desirest in all thy children. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we pray thee to look with favor upon thy worshipping people now before thee. We commend to thee our homes and our country. Defend our liberties and uphold our free institutions. If it be thy will, deliver us from violence within and from strife without; save us from warfare and pestilence; and bless our people with peaceful industries and with happy homes. We pray thee to bless thy servant, the President of the United States. Plenteously endue him with wisdom from above and abundantly enrich him with thy heavenly grace. For all who are in authority, we pray that, as they rule by thy favor, so they may serve in thy fear. So, by thy grace, may we be that happy nation whose God is the Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

℄ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn, and the benediction*

A SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

¶ *One or more of these sentences to be said by the minister*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. *Isaiah* lii. 7.

Arise, shine! for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah* lx. 1, 3.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. *Luke* ii. 14.

¶ *To be said by the minister*

The Lord of Life, who maketh the sun to shed afar its light and warmth, hath also spread abroad his spirit among men that they may know the joy of life lived in peace and good will. For all his manifold blessings we are unfeignedly thankful, but chiefly for the gifts of the spirit which he hath bestowed upon us in those whom he hath raised up to be his prophets. On this day, therefore, let us praise him for the life and grace of Jesus and for that heavenly kingdom which hath taken hold upon the hearts of men throughout the world. May the joy of his gospel be our joy; and may we be not unmindful of the hope that is born on this festival of nativity, as we think of the little child and the divine possibilities in each new birth.

Let us pray.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

O Thou who dwellest on high, accept this day the gladness of our hearts as our richest gift upon thine altar; and confirm the spirit of this holy time that it may be with us throughout the days to come.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O Lord God, who art in the midst of us, mighty to save, who dost rejoice over us with joy, we praise thee that thou art shown unto us in love and mercy, in holiness and devotion everywhere, so that thou art never without witness among thy people. Especially do we praise thee for those members of thy family who so serve thy will that having seen them, we behold thee. May the star of their lives burn before us until we too have made thy will our own and know that thou art with us alway.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may see thy glory round about us.

Make us quick to know each one of whom thou dost say "Hear ye him," that we may follow the voices of the shepherds of mankind. Let no accent of thy holy spirit be lost in us, that we

also may wonder at the words of grace which proceed out of the mouths of thy holy prophets. We would sit at the feet of Jesus on the mount and be taught of blessedness and love.

Open our ears, O Lord, that we may hear the multitude of the heavenly host.

Father, thou alone knowest the cares that press upon us and the burdens that weigh us down. When we are beset by fears, when we are disheartened, lonely or sorrowful, freshen our faith in thee and in thy kindly providence, that we may praise thee for the hand that bears us up. In hours of victory and joy as well, save us from ingratitude and from forgetfulness of thee.

Open our mouths, O Lord, that we may sing, Glory to thee in the highest.

Make us humble of heart, that we may be a fit abiding place for thee, even as the manger for the holy child. Purify our minds, that we may behold thy truth; sanctify our wills, that we may move only to thy purposes; and kindle our affections, that our love may be broad as thy redeeming love. We would that the spirit that was in Jesus should be born in us, that we, as thy beloved sons, may call thee Father.

Quicken us, O Lord, that we may receive these things and ponder them in our hearts. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth:

I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the peoples.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law.

I will give him for a light to the peoples that he may be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon him; because the Lord hath anointed him to preach good tidings unto the meek;

He hath sent him to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, to comfort all that mourn;

To give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Praise be to God for that spirit which from generation to generation entering into holy souls maketh them friends of God and prophets!

Blessed be the Lord God; for he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Blessed is the kingdom that cometh.

The Lord is God, and he hath given us light. O give thanks unto the Lord;

Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To shine upon them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a scripture lesson, and the singing of anthems or hymns, in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister to read one or more of the following or offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

O Thou whose eye is over all the children of men, and who hast called them by the Prince of Peace into a kingdom not of this world: send forth his spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of thy grace. May it reach the heart of every oppressor, and make arrogancy dumb before thee. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind; carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. Commit thy word, O Lord, to the lips of faithful men, or the free winds of thine invisible providence; that soon the knowledge of thee may cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. *Amen.*

Holy Father of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift; we thank thee for home and childhood, and for the friendships and fellowships that are dear to us. Take from us all unhallowed thoughts and feelings; our vanity and pride, and all doubt and jealousy of others. If any have wronged us we ask thee to forgive them and to teach us thy forgiveness. Soften and fill our hearts with love and gratitude, with tenderness and peace, that this day we may enter the kingdom as little children. Consecrate our joy; help us to serve thee with mirth, and whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to thy glory. *Amen.*

Our God, who hast mercifully and patiently led us through the busy year,

giving us more than we have deserved or even desired, give us at this Christmas time the grace which was in Jesus Christ. Let the spirit of the little child, as it knocks to-day at the hearts of men, enter our life and bless it. Let duty become touched with delight, and justice be forgotten in love. Ofttimes we ask that we may not fall short of thy requirements. To-day we ask for more: that obligation may be changed to opportunity and duty done with joy. Ofttimes we ask that we may walk uprightly. To-day we pray for grace to bow ourselves to others' needs. Let our ears hear the cry of the needy, and our hearts feel the love of the unlovely. Give our hands strength, not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Let our gifts to-day be a privilege rather than a sacrifice and let us accept kindness with humility. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy or regret, and let the gentler air of the Christmas spirit touch our lives, as the cold of winter is touched by the gentler days of spring. As the old year ends and the new year begins, grant us peace with the world and peace in our own hearts, that those we love and those whom we may help may have sweet joy and rest. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn and the benediction*

A SERVICE FOR EASTER

¶ One or more of these sentences to be said by the minister

Sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things! *Isaiah* xii. 6.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the Lord hath comforted his people. *Isaiah* xlix. 13.

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God and there shall no evil touch them. *Wisdom* iii. 1.

For to know thee is perfect righteousness: yea, to know thy power is the root of immortality. *Wisdom* xv. 3.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isaiah* xxxv. 10.

Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. *John* xii. 24.

When this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory! 1 *Corinthians* xv. 54.

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory. 1 *Corinthians* xv.

¶ To be said by the minister

On this day we celebrate the coming of that great hope of everlasting life which shines through the Gospel. Believing that through Jesus the immortal world has been brought nearer to the hearts of men, we praise God for the assurance thus given that we shall not die, but live. As it is the summit of all human joy to know that the life of earth may go on into realms of endless love and blessedness, let us hold this festival with gladness and thanksgiving.

Let us pray.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

Father of compassion and fountain of all goodness, we heartily thank thee for thy bountiful gifts to us and to all men. We thank thee for the blessings of health and strength, and for our consolations in time of trial. We thank thee for all kindly charities and pure affections, for the means of doing good thou hast given, and for the victory over sin and death thou hast promised us. Above all, we thank thee for the revelation of thy goodness, and for the love that governs all our ways. We therefore bless thy holy name, and bring our offering of praise and gratitude, praying that thou wilt establish us in every good word and work and make us worthy the love thou hast bestowed upon us. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O God, who art Lord over all and within all, teach our hearts to sing for joy when our lips sing praises unto thee for all thy mercies. Banish from our souls, we pray thee, gloom, discontent, and fear, and make thy love of us and our love of thee to be in us joy, confidence, and full satisfaction.

Grant us, O Lord, to rest in thee, and in thee to have our hearts at peace.

O God, who hast made us thy sons, and heirs of eternal life, grant that having this hope we may purify ourselves, and become worthy of what thou hast in keeping for us.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see thee.

On this day which celebrates the power of the soul to outlast the changes of earth, and to rise victorious over the bondage of death, may our immortal being hear the call and feel its meaning.

Help us to rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness.

Make us to know, and feel, that all thy children are precious in thy sight, and that they live evermore unto thee.

There shall be no more death; and thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes.

All glory be to thee, O God, whose light hath shined in our hearts to show us a way of everlasting life.

Blessed art thou for this light which no darkness overspreads.

Thou art the Lord, who hast shown us such light.

Thy mercy is everlasting, and thy truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open thou our eyes.

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O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave, neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy. At

thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a scripture lesson, and the singing of anthems or hymns, in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister may read one or more of the following, or may offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Almighty God, who hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world, grant that at this holy season our hearts may be so kindled with heavenly desires, and thy love may be so shed abroad in us through thy holy spirit, that we may continually seek the things which are above. Help us to abide in purity of heart and mind, that we may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom, to dwell in thy presence, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father in heaven, we thank thee for all who have walked in thy light, and especially for those near to us and

dear, in whose lives we have seen thine excellent glory and beauty. May we know that out of the body as in the body they are with thee, and that, when these earthly days come to an end, it is not that our service of thee and of one another may cease, but that it may begin anew. Make us glad in all who have faithfully lived; make us glad in all who have peacefully died. Lift us into light and love and purity and blessedness; and give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in thee, and sought in all things to do thy holy will. *Amen.*

O Lord of life, who dwellest in eternity, and who hast planted in our hearts the faith and hope which look beyond our mortal life to another, even a heavenly country, we give thanks to thee this day for the bright shining of the light of immortality in Jesus Christ. As he has showed us the blessedness of heaven on earth, and has called us into a kingdom not of this world, so may our life be made ever richer in the things that do not pass away. Raise us up, we pray thee, in the power of his spirit, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Prepare us to follow him, in hope and trust, through all the darkness of the grave into the world of light whither he has led the way. And, when our spirits shrink before the mysteries of life and death, may we be comforted by the thought of that immortal love which knows no change, and feel that, whether we live or die, we are safe in thine everlasting arms. *Amen.*

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness and turnest the shadow of death into the morning, drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

℄ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn, and the benediction*

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

¶ *One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. *Psalm* cvi. 1.

Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. *Psalm* lxiii. 3.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul. *Psalm* cxxi. 7.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. *Psalm* c.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea; who by thy strength settest fast the mountains, being girded with power; who stillest the waves of the sea, and the tumult of the people. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God; thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness. *Psalm* lxv.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. *Psalm* xxxiv, 3.

¶ *To be said by the minister*

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world; he is our God and there is none else. Therefore we bow the head and bend the knee and magnify the King of kings, the Holy One; blessed be he.

Let us pray.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

O Lord our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace: accept now, in thine endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us such of our desires as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of thine everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole church: all who join with us in prayer; all our brethren by land and sea, or wherever they may be in thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of thy grace and succor. Pour out upon all the riches of thy mercy, and we will ever praise thy glorious name. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: we lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving; we praise thee for the life which thou hast given us, and the service to which thou hast appointed us, for the knowledge of thy will, and the inspiration of thy love:

We praise thee, O our God.

For the work we have strength to do, for the truth we have insight to learn; for whatever good there has been in our past lives, and for the hopes which lead us on toward better things:

We praise thee, O our God.

For the revealing of thy presence in nature, and the tokens of thy wisdom and power, in the least as in the greatest; for every moment of nearer communion with thy spirit in all that is fair and glorious in the world:

We praise thee, O our God.

For thy holy word of righteousness and truth, spoken by the wise and good in every age, made manifest in noble and saintly lives:

We praise thee, O our God.

For home and friends, for all the comfort and gladness of our lives, for encouragements to duty, for succor in temptation, for sympathy in sorrow, for the peace that is gained through strife, and the rest that comes after toil:

We praise thee, O Lord, and bless thy holy name.

When our spirits fail, when our way is darkened, when we are oppressed by care, or laden with sorrow, or weighed down by sin, then, for the love which bids us come to thee and lay our burden at thy feet:

We praise thee, O God, our Father and our Friend.

Make us ever more worthy of thy mercies, as we ourselves show mercy to our brethren.

As all have received thy gifts, even so help us to minister the same, that we may be good stewards of thy manifold grace. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open thou our eyes.

That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

RESPONSIVE READING

Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is the Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, for he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, sun and moon, praise him, all ye stars of light;

Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth;

Young men and maidens; old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a scripture lesson, and the singing of anthems or hymns, in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister to read one or more of the following or offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Almighty God, in whose hands are the destinies of the nations: we pray thee to bless our country, and to lead us in the way of honor and justice, and of true and enduring prosperity. Thou, Lord, hast permitted us to increase in power and riches. Thou hast endowed us with gifts of knowledge and skill, and assigned us a place among the mighty nations of the world. May we be mindful of the trust which thou hast thus laid upon us, and ever be found faithful to thy cause. Raise up among us noble and upright men, to be leaders and counsellors of the people. May all who are in authority exercise their power as ministers of thy justice and thy mercy, and may a wise and faithful spirit prevail in all our councils. Deliver us from all evil ambitions and selfish rivalries and false judgments. May every calling be fulfilled in honesty, and every talent be rightly im-

proved. Make us so wisely to love our country, and so steadfastly to follow after all that makes for its true greatness, that we may hold a worthy place in the community of nations, and live as fellow-citizens of thy kingdom, in loyalty to thee, the sovereign Lord of all. *Amen.*

O God, who by thy spirit dost purify the minds of men, leading them into the truth, kindling in them the grace of charity, and drawing them unto thyself in the bond of peace: we beseech thee to sanctify our hearts, that everything which beareth evil fruit may die in us, and that all which is good and holy may live, and yield the fruit of righteousness unto eternal life. So guide us through the ways of this world that no snares may entangle us, no temptations lead us astray; but that we may abide in thy truth, be comforted by thy love, and be brought in safety into thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Pour into our hearts the spirit of unselfishness, so that, when our cup overrunneth, we may seek to share our happiness with our brethren. O thou God of love, who makest thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust, grant that we may become more and more thy true children, as we receive into our souls thine own spirit of unwearying kindness, and show it forth unto the least of thy little ones. *Amen.*

O most merciful God, whose mercies are as high as the heavens, great and many as the moments of eternity: fill our souls, we beseech thee, with great thoughts of thine unspeakable blessings, that our thankfulness may be as great as are our needs of mercy. Let thy loving-kindness endure forever and forever upon us; and, because we cannot praise thee according to thine excellence, take our souls, in due time, into the land of everlasting praises, that we may spend eternity in ascribing to thy name glory and honor and dominion. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn and the benediction*

A SERVICE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

¶ One or more of these sentences to be read by the minister

The kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace and joy. *Romans* xiv. 17.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. *Matthew* v. 9.

Let us follow after the things which make for peace, and the things whereby we may edify one another. *Romans* xiv. 19.

In this the children of God are manifest: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 *John* iii. 10.

God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him. *Acts* x. 34, 35.

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 *Corinthians* iii. 17.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezekiel* xix. 27.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. *Psalm* lxxxv. 10.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. *Psalm* xxiv. 3, 4.

¶ To be said by the minister

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us pray that the sense of the nearness and faithfulness of God may be quickened within us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise, and our daily lives be gladdened and uplifted by the thought of our divine kinship, and let us earnestly awaken to the high privilege of those accounted worthy to be fellow workers with God, called by his spirit to bring in the reign of righteousness and peace.

¶ To be said by minister and people together

O Thou who keepest the steps of the upright in heart, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life: enable us by thy grace to live worthily as in thy sight. Inspire us with the spirit of devotion to thy holy will whereby we may prove faithful in that which is least as well as in that which is most. Join us in one great fellowship with those who seek to make firm and sure thy kingdom upon the earth. By the charity of our temper and thoughts may we show forth the power of the gospel of love and so live in unity and peace with all men. Amen.

¶ To be said by minister and people alternately

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell in the unity

of the spirit which is the bond of peace; amid diversities of race and calling enable us to trust thy divine plan of love, in the working out of which thou dost give to each generation its appointed share.

Uphold in us, O Lord, the faith in our common brotherhood, that we may be kindly affectioned one toward another.

Grant that the blessings we have received from those gone before may be transmitted to them that are to come, with no principle impaired, but strengthened and illuminated by our steadfast loyalty and good works.

Make us worthy, O Lord, of all thy benefits.

Revive in us and in the people of this land a spirit of devotion to the common weal, that so we may be kept from sloth and indifference, from every selfish indulgence and impurity, and from all corruption of civil government and the high citizenship committed to us.

Lead us, O Lord, in thy righteousness.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those entrusted with authority, that there may be peace throughout this land, and that we may be an influence for good among the nations of the earth.

Let thy peace, O Lord, rule in all our hearts.

Take from us all jealousy and envy at the good of others, all unkindness from offences given or taken, all unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit.

O Lord, deliver us from evil.

℄ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord our God hath prepared his throne for judgment. It is he who reigneth over all the earth.

And he will judge the world in righteousness and minister judgment to the people.

He will bring forth justice to the nations; he will bring forth mercy and truth.

The Lord will not fail nor faint till he have set justice in the earth; until he have burst the cruel yoke asunder, and given liberty to the captive and to them that are oppressed.

In righteousness and peace hath he called us, and set us as a great light among the nations.

And in the need of the times that are and shall be, the Lord, the Eternal, shall be our help and that of all generations.

Pray for the peace of our land; let all the people say, Peace be within thee,

Peace be within thee and prosperity within thy borders.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, whom he hath redeemed from many lands,

And called from the east and from the west; from the north and from the south.

O let them praise the Lord for his goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Arise, O Lord, that the nations may know thy power; arise, O God, and let not brutish men have dominion upon the earth,

Nor they that know not thy law triumph in their might.

Lighten, O Lord, the dark places of the nations, and give peace and godliness to the world,

So that the cruel shall be turned to mercy, and the unthankful shall open his heart.

Pour out thy spirit upon all flesh and write thy law upon the hearts of men,

For then shall there be the flame of freedom in men's souls and the light of knowledge in their eyes.

Let justice dwell in the far-off isles and righteousness abound among the people.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence forever.

And men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

Let good-will speed from nation to nation; let the voice of friendship prevail in distant lands.

Yea: let the whole earth rejoice together as one people.

And the melody of righteousness shall be as the new song of them that are redeemed.

So shall all hearts be filled with rejoicing, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a scripture lesson and the singing of anthems or hymns, in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister to read one or more of the following or offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

O Thou in whom are calmness and peace, inspire in us that love which suffereth long and is kind, which envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, which doth not behave itself unseemly, and seeketh not its own: reconcile, we pray thee, whatsoever dissensions may now divide us, and bring us more nearly into a unity of purpose which may bear some likeness to thy blessed will, and finally, through thy grace, unite us all as members of one family, that with one heart and one mind we may serve and glorify thee our Father, and the Father of all mankind. *Amen.*

Lord of all, whose balance trieth the nations, to lift up or to cast down: never through vain conceit may we be blind to the unchanging conditions of thy blessing. The world and its fullness are thine; our portion thereof

may we hold, not in wanton self-will, but reverently, as of thee; making it the stronghold of right, the refuge of the oppressed, and the moderator of lawless ambition. Make all who speak or act for this nation true organs of thy equity, that through their wisdom and faithfulness thou mayst be our lawgiver and judge. And let it be that, as with the people so with the chiefs, as with the toiler so with him who directeth toil, as with the buyer so with the seller, all may know thee as weighing the path of the just; that righteousness may be the girdle of our power, and by justice our commonwealth may be established. *Amen.*

O Thou whose kingdom is a kingdom of justice and mercy, impel, by thy righteous spirit, all in whose hands thou has placed power and wealth to be faithful to their stewardship. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry and suffer not the hire of the laborer to be kept back. Incline to forbearance and good will the hearts of those who are employed, that so the bonds of union and brotherly love may be maintained, and evermore firmly established. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt hearken unto their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

℄ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn and the benediction*

A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

¶ *These sentences to be read by the minister*

Give ear, O my people, to my speech: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established statutes, and appointed a law, which he commanded our fathers to make known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should declare them to their children:

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. *Psalm* lxxviii.

¶ *To be said by the minister*

Let us call to remembrance the dead yet ever-living who have passed the doors beyond which we cannot see. As they kept the faith in time of trial and held fast to righteousness in the hour of temptation, so inspired by their example, may we, when danger is near and the flesh is weak, triumph over every trial and temptation, and finally attain unto everlasting life.

Let us pray.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Eternal God, in whom the spirits of the just do rest from their labors: we bless thee for the memory of the righteous, and especially for those most dear to us, who have lived in faith and departed in peace. May we follow their good example, and, truly loving and serving thee on earth, be gathered with them into thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

¶ *To be said by minister and people alternately*

O God, who art, and wast, and art to come, we rejoice that thou hast never left thyself without a witness in the world, but by the words and deeds of wise and faithful souls hast revealed thy abiding presence in the children of men.

Thou didst guide our fathers in their ways and thoughts, and didst protect and bless them.

Thou madest a way for them through deep waters, and didst set their feet in a large place.

The winds heard thy voice and were still, and the waves bore the tempest-tossed to their desired haven.

Thou hast wrought great glory by them, through thy power from the beginning, and a little one has become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. They inherited the land for ever, the branch of thy planting, the work of thy hands, that thou mightest be glorified.

These were noble men and women, whose courage and righteousness have not been forgotten, and whose names shall be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Grant, O Lord, that we, the inheritors of their renown, the heirs of their liberty, may possess their courage and patience and fidelity, and that generations yet unborn may adore thee for thy mercy and desire thee for thy loving-kindness.

¶ *To be said by minister and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Let us call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory:

Those who were leaders of the people by their judgment, giving counsel by their understanding and foresight:

Wise and eloquent in their teachings, and through knowledge and might, fit helpers of the people.

All these were honored in their generation, and were the glory of their times.

There be some who have left a name behind them, and whose remembrance is sweet.

And there be some who have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been.

But their righteousness has not been forgotten, and the glory of their work cannot be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

For the memorial of virtue is immortal, because it is known with God and with men.

When it is present men take example of it, and when it is gone they earnestly desire it.

It weareth a crown, and triumpheth for ever; having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Though a good life hath but few days, yet a good name endureth for ever.

Though the righteous be overtaken by death, they shall be at rest; their souls are in the hand of God.

Though they perish from the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us;

And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

¶ *The service may then proceed with a scripture lesson, and the singing of anthems or hymns in such order as has become customary in any church*

PRAYERS

¶ *The minister to read one or more of the following or offer prayer in his own words*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Almighty God, thine is the wisdom of the saint and seer, thine the light shining in the eyes of holy prophets, and thine the love that answereth and filleth every prayerful spirit. We bless thee for all the holy souls that reveal thee; for all unknown and lowly people whose daily lives are offerings heroic, sweet, and beautiful to thee. Renew thy call to us, and lift us into the liberty and joy of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

Eternal God, with whom do live the spirits that depart hence, we praise and magnify thee for thy grace and blessing manifested to all thy true saints and faithful servants, of every nation and every age, who have glorified thee in their mortal lives. Grant to us, we pray, their spirit of love, and of devotion to thy will. May their example quicken us to a better life; so that we, who cherish their memory, may by thy grace be gathered into the company of those who abide with thee for ever. *Amen.*

O Thou who hast raised up prophets and apostles to be mighty forerunners in all the blessed privileges of a heavenly inheritance, draw us unto thyself by the same uplifting power, that our feet stumble not on the dark mountains, nor falter in the valley of the shadow of death. Be thou our strength and stay in all times of trial, and keep us in fellowship with those who while on earth strove to make firm and sure thy righteous rule. So may we, having done thy will, be given part in that heavenly heritage wherein peace and love are made perfect and thou art all in all. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung an anthem or a hymn, to be followed by the sermon, a congregational hymn and the benediction*

A COMMUNION SERVICE

¶ *The minister, standing at the communion table, may begin the service by reading one or more of the following sentences*

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. *Matthew* v. 6.

Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. *Matthew* xx. 27, 28.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. *John* xv. 13, 14, 15.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of children whereby we cry, Father. *Romans* viii. 15.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. *Luke* ix. 23, 24.

I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. *John* vi. 35.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. *Revelation* iii. 20.

¶ *Here may follow other portions of Scripture and an address. A hymn may then be sung, or, omitting the hymn, the service may proceed as follows.*

¶ *To be said by the minister*

Dearly beloved, we have received it, that the Master on the night before he died, as he supped with his disciples in an upper chamber, took bread and broke it before them, likening it unto his crucified body, and poured out wine as a visible parable of the spilling of his blood. As we repeat this act with reverence, may the spirit which kept him steadfast, though foreseeing death, be quickened in us. We remember also that Christians in all ages have partaken of the bread and wine as a sign of their fellowship. May the symbol of love crown the parable of loyalty, and, in communion with Jesus Christ and all faithful servants of God, who have counted not their lives more dear than the triumphs of the spirit, let us seek the Lord in prayer that we may receive strength to overcome the trials and temptations of this world.

¶ *Or this*

We are assembled here to meditate together on the life and death of Jesus

Christ, that we may consecrate ourselves more earnestly to the service of God and of one another. In his acts of love and sympathy for the suffering, his compassion and help for the weak and sinful, he has left us an example that we should follow his steps. In communion with him, and with all who have been faithful servants of God, counting not their lives dear unto themselves, we now offer our prayers together to our Father in heaven.

Let us pray.

¶ *To be said by the minister*

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that this service may be profitable to all who partake of it, for the sanctification of body and soul, for fruitfulness in good works, and for the establishing of thy holy Church.

We remember in this our communion, and beseech thee to bless, the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ, in the joyful hope of resurrection unto life eternal. O Lord, refresh their spirits with the light of thy countenance.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world, and all who have wrought righteousness, even down to the present day. Refresh thou their spirits, and give them abundant entrance into the joy of our Lord. And grant unto us, O God, that we may have our part and lot with all thy saints.

We remember all such as journey, and them that sojourn in strange lands. May it please thee to abide with them wheresoever they abide, and when they travel, to bring them in safety to their destined goal.

We remember all who are sick and in distress, all who suffer in body or in mind, all who are in prison and in bonds: as bound with them, and as sufferers with them, we bear them in our hearts and pray for their relief.

We remember our enemies, if there be any who have injured us, or cherish hatred against us. We beseech thee to turn their hearts, that we may live peaceably with all men. May we freely forgive all who have wronged us; and, if there be any whom we have wronged, may we make amends and seek forgiveness.

We remember the whole family of man, beseeching thee that the spirits of all flesh may taste of thy grace, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God. *Amen.*

¶ *To be said by the minister*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said: This is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.

¶ *Then, as he delivers the bread to the people, the minister shall say*

Take this in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *When all have received the bread, the minister shall say*

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying: This cup is the new testament in my blood. This do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

¶ *Then, as he delivers the cup to the people, the minister shall say*

Drink this in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *When all have received the bread and wine, the minister shall say*

Let us pray.

O Lord, we thank thee for the blessed fellowship of all faithful people who have loved and labored and suffered for others since the world began. Give us grace henceforth to continue in the fellowship of that glorious army which strives to conquer sin and evil, and to make this earth at last thy kingdom of love and peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this*

Grant unto us, Almighty God, that we, communing with one another and with thee, may feel our hearts burn within us; until all pure and just and holy things are lovely to us, and we find nothing to fear but that which is hateful in thine eyes. Let thy peace possess our souls, while we look to thy loving kindness and tender mercy to lift us above that which is low and mean; and, at last, give to the spirit within us a perfect victory, and bring us safe through death into life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung a hymn, after which shall follow the benediction*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God, the Father Almighty, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

PRAYERS, THANKSGIVINGS AND COLLECTS FOR OCCASIONAL USE

FOR THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. *Amen.*

O God, giver of all temporal and spiritual good: grant us thy grace, so to speak, so to know, and so to learn, that our minds may be enlightened, our fears banished, our faith confirmed, and our way directed unto eternal life. *Amen.*

O thou infinite One, who fillest the universe with thine unsearchable presence, and hast thy dwelling-place in every heart that looks up in love and trust to thee: we come unto thee with our psalm of thanksgiving and our words of prayer, and would commune with thee in this hour of worship, that we may find thee nearer to us in our daily lives, and learn to live as in thy constant presence. May thy spirit rest upon us, and pray with us in our prayer, teaching us the things we should ask, and how to pray to thee as we ought; that we may worship thee, the infinite Spirit, in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

FOR THE OPENING OR CLOSE OF WORSHIP

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all good counsels, all holy desires, and all just works do proceed: we pray thee to enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts by thy heavenly truth. What we know not, teach thou us; whatever is amiss in us, dispose us to reform; whatever in us is good, assist us to carry forward to perfection, that we may live evermore to thy praise. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of men: grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the

world: we pray thee that our hearts may be so kindled with heavenly desires, and thy love so shed abroad in us, that we may continually seek the things which are above; and, abiding in purity of heart and mind, may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

FOR THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP

Grant, O God, that the words we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, by thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Enlarge now our souls, O Lord, with a divine charity, that we may hope all things, believe all things, endure all things, and become messengers of thy healing mercy to the grievances and infirmities of men. *Amen.*

Increase in us, O Lord, a true knowledge of thy holy will, that we may devote ourselves to thy service in word and deed; and that, doing thy will with cheerfulness and diligence, and bearing all our trials with patience, we may go on, through thy mercy, into the joy of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world: we beseech thee that our hearts may be so kindled with heavenly desires, and thy love so shed abroad in us by thy holy spirit, that we may continually seek the things which are above; and, abiding in purity of heart and mind, may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

O Lord, who hast taught us that not the hearers of the word, but the doers, are justified in thy sight: let us go hence with an earnest and steadfast resolution, with quickened zeal, and renewed devotion to thy service. If any true word of thine has been spoken to us, if any ray of thy heavenly light has shone upon us, if any righteous purpose has arisen within us, may we be found faithful to what we have received, that all our thoughts and actions may henceforth be more in harmony with thy will. Let thy blessing be upon our uprising and our lying down, upon our going out and our coming in now and evermore. *Amen.*

MORNING PRAYERS AND COLLECTS

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thee, may be righteous in thy sight. *Amen.*

O Lord, our God, who turnest into morning the shadows of night: grant that we may be children of the light and of the day. Let the sun of thy righteousness shine in our hearts. Enlighten our reason, make clear our conscience, and purify our affections. We give ourselves to thee this day, beseeching thee so to rule and govern us by thy spirit that faithless distrust and all evil thoughts may be driven from our minds; that we may walk with joy in the light of thy countenance and in the way of thy salvation. *Amen.*

O Thou, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us the alternate mercies of the darkness and the day: as thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else decline, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of him who with fewest hours finished thy divine work. And unto thee, whose we are and whom we serve, will we render praise now and for evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS AND COLLECTS

Almighty Father and keeper of our souls, who alone makest us to dwell in safety: refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labors of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in thee, that, lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into thy holy keeping. *Amen.*

O God, the Father of lights, in whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: help us so to live in thy peace that even the night shall be light about us. O thou who dost neither slumber nor sleep, and who givest thine angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways, send out thy light and thy truth, till all men shall see thy glory, and the whole earth be full of the knowledge of God. *Amen.*

O God, who givest us these quiet hours of holy thought and prayer: we thank thee for the rest which thou hast granted us, and the peace which thou hast breathed into our souls this day. As the shadows of evening gather, we commend our spirits to thy care. And when the morning calls us forth again to serve thee, may thy love renew the blessing which we have sought to-day. So in new strength for toil, and a holier spirit of devotion to thy will, may we receive thy merciful answer to our prayers. *Amen.*

O Lord God, the day is thine, the night also is thine. The darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Protect us through the hours of sleep, that our rest may refresh us in body and mind. Soothe our troubled thoughts, and breathe thy peace into our restless hearts. May thy invisible presence watch over us, and in the light of a new day may we rise to bless thee for thy sheltering care. *Amen.*

We beseech thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, folk of many families and nations gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer — with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil, suffer us a while longer to endure and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our sun

and comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts, eager to labor, eager to be happy if happiness shall be our portion, and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. *Amen.*

FOR THE NEW YEAR

O thou who art from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning or end of days: replenish us with heavenly grace, at the beginning of this year, that we may be enabled to accept all its duties, to perform all its labors, to welcome all its mercies, to meet all its trials, and to advance through all it holds in store for us, with cheerful courage and a constant mind. O Lord, suffer us not to be separated from thee, either by joy or sorrow, or any sin or weakness of our own; but have compassion upon us, and forgive us, and keep us in the strong confidence of thine eternal love. *Amen.*

FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Unto thee do we lift up our souls. Thy mercy endureth for ever, and thy compassions fail not. As we keep holy time under the deepening shadows of the closing year, we thank thee for all that it hath brought to us of mercy and truth. Let not the experiences of our past days be lost upon us. Fix in our minds every lesson of faith and duty which thou hast been teaching us. Take from our hearts every veil that would hide from us the shining of the heavenly light. Grant unto us, before the record of this year has been finished and sealed, a fresh consecration, a very honest and deep desire to live according to thy will. *Amen.*

FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty God, who knowest the weaknesses which we are slow to confess even to ourselves: take from us, we pray thee, the faithless mind that would shrink from the way by which thou leadest, and draw back from the harder paths of a dutiful life. As disciples of Christ may we steadfastly set our face to go to our Jerusalem, prepared to meet all the counsels of thy will, and to be obedient even unto death, seeking only for strength to glorify the cross thou layest upon us. *Amen.*

FOR GOOD FRIDAY

O God who hast showed us the way of blessedness: thou hast showed us also that the path of duty may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness be a crown of thorns. Oh, give us grace to learn these harder lessons of pain and darkness and affliction. May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such true fellowship with him in his sorrows that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of thine own eternal light. *Amen.*

Eternal Refuge of those who are distressed: grant unto us that in all trouble of this our mortal life we may flee to thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake thy peace within us. Whatso-

ever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the faith that thou art our Father and that underneath are the everlasting arms. *Amen.*

FOR EASTER

O Lord Most High, who art not the God of the dead but of the living: we unite this day in thankful joy in the remembrance of the spirit's triumph over death. We bless thee that out of this dust and out of these mortal conditions thou art striving to raise immortal souls into a diviner fellowship, and to establish them for ever in the heavenly dwelling-places. *Amen.*

Great and gracious Presence, the Life of all that lives: thou sendest forth thy breath and we are created; thou openest thy hand and we are filled with good. To every faith bowed down and every love laid in the grave, thou bringest a new uplifting and a heavenly birth; and to ignorance and weakness and sin thou givest light and strength and the tender healing of forgiveness. Having received such ministry and comforting regard, help us to set our affections on things above, that so we may finally know the riches of that inheritance which thou didst manifest to him whom we remember this day with joy, and with him be deemed worthy of the crown of immortality. *Amen.*

FOR WHITSUNDAY

O God, who hast breathed thy holy spirit into the hearts of thy faithful servants, sending them forth in thy might to speak the word and to do the work which has been entrusted to them by thee: send down upon us all, we pray thee, that Spirit of holiness and wisdom and strength. Enlighten our minds that we may know what thou wouldst have us do; strengthen our hands that we may labor steadfastly to the end, and may faint not in thy service. Thou hast bestowed upon us a diversity of gifts; give us all the same spirit, that with one heart and one mind we may glorify thee, speaking the truth in love, and filling our lives with good deeds and faithful affections. In that spirit may we be strong to fight the good fight of faith, to conquer evil, and bear witness to the truth, and help to bring in the kingdom of righteousness and peace. *Amen.*

FOR ALL SAINTS

Our heavenly Father, we rejoice in the blessed communion of all thy saints, wherein thou givest us also to have part. We remember before thee all who have departed this life in thy faith and love, and especially those most dear to us. We thank thee for our present fellowship with them, for our common hope, and for the promise of future joy. Oh, let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us for an example of godly life; and even now may we be refreshed with their joy; that so with patience we may run the race that yet remains before us, and obtain an entrance into thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Infinite Life, Power, Beauty: thine is the wisdom of the saint and seer,

thine the light shining on the eyes of holy prophets, and thine the love that answereth and filleth every prayerful spirit. We bless thee for all the holy souls that reveal thee; for all unknown and lowly people whose daily lives are offerings heroic, sweet, and beautiful to thee; and for thy voice that speaketh within. Oh, may we heed thy call, and rise into the liberty and joy of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

O Lord God, Father of mercies, the Fountain of comfort and blessing, who fillest heaven with thy glory, and earth with thy goodness: we offer thee most earnest and humble thanks for the gifts of nature and of grace, the support of every moment, and the comforts of every day. We beseech thee to fill our hearts with thy praise; that our thankfulness to thee may be great as are our needs, and that thy grace may so strengthen our purposes that our lives may be a thank-offering to thee, unto whom we ascribe all honor and glory. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, our Father in heaven, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: we give thee most hearty thanks for all thy blessings of nature and of grace; for the power of loving; for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby thou hast drawn us nearer to thyself; and for all that thou hast in keeping for them that love thee. Henceforth, even for ever, we would trust thee with our present and our future, our hopes and our fears, for ourselves and for all whom thou hast given us to love. And grant, we beseech thee, that, as thou dost continually pour out thy gifts upon us, we may ever, more and more, abound in thankfulness and in all good works. *Amen.*

Most gracious and loving Father: thou hast opened the hand of thy bounty, to fill our lives with blessing. Thou dost shelter us in the arms of thy mercy; thou providest for us perpetually, and lovest us with an unfailing love. As thou hast laid thine hand upon us in blessing, so fill our hearts with thankfulness, and tune our lips to praise. Grant that what thou hast sown in mercy may spring up in duty; and let thy grace so strengthen our good purposes that we may walk in the light of thy favor, and in the paths of thy commandments, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: sanctify unto us, we pray thee, the rich and holy gift of thine abounding love which is manifest to the world in this glad festival of universal joy. Help us to attain unto the fulness of its blessing, that Christ may be born afresh to us this day, in deeper love and reverence for thee, in nobler sense of human brotherhood, in hunger and thirst after righteousness, in eager longing for the spirit of peace. May the passion of his faith and the patience of his love be shared by us this day in quickening consciousness of our eternal sonship to thee, his God and our God, his Father and our Father. *Amen.*

Almighty God, whom once the nations worshipped under name of fear, but who hast revealed the glory of thy love in the face of Jesus Christ, and called us to live with thee as children: fill our hearts, as we remember his nativity, with the gladness of this great redemption. We would join in the heavenly song of Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good-will toward men. Breathe into our hearts the spirit of Jesus, that we may be led to thee in trust and obedience, and be sent out to live among men in brotherly love and sympathy. Every year, as this joyful festival comes round, may it find the world more and more in harmony with thy will. *Amen.*

IN WINTER

O God, who rulest the changing seasons, and fulfillest, in all, thine own unchanging purposes: we bless thee that thou dost clothe all things around us with the beauty of winter, that thou sendest forth the treasures of the snow, and fillest the brief day with thy sunshine, and all night long makest the heavens above us glorious with the countless stars. For all thou givest us thus to enjoy we praise thy goodness, and adore thine unsearchable wisdom and power. *Amen.*

IN SPRINGTIME

O thou, whose life-giving energy flows through all things: we rejoice in the glorious revealing of thyself in Nature, in the tokens of thy might and of thy love which we behold on every side. We thank thee for all the bountiful gifts and the gracious promise of this season of brightness and hope, when we trace again the workings of the unseen power which calls forth fresh life and growth, and renews the face of the earth. And while we bless thee for the beauty which thou sheddest around our path, we pray that it may find some reflection in our own hearts and lives. May thy creative spirit freshen and renew our souls, and may the precious seed of thy promises fall into good ground, where it may spring up and bear fruit according to the measure which thou hast appointed. *Amen.*

IN SUMMER

O thou, from whom cometh all the gladness and brightness of life: we praise thee for the riches of thy bounty which thou pourest out in these days of summer. Thou fillest the heavens with radiance, and causest the earth to rejoice in the abundance of thy gifts. Thou preparest the coming harvest; and thou makest our hearts glad with the wonder of thy creation. For all the greatness and glory of Nature we bless thee, and we would join with grateful hearts in the song of praise which all the earth raises to thee. *Amen.*

IN AUTUMN

We praise thee, O thou Source of all life and strength, for the bountiful provision which thou makest for the wants of thy children. We would bring thee now our joyful thanksgiving for the harvest of the fields, and all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded. Thou hast ordered the course of the changing seasons, and appointed a time for sowing and a time for reaping; and while men

have toiled, or watched, or rested from their work, thy providence has never failed, and thou hast prepared for them the reward of their labors. May we enjoy the gifts of thy bounty in wisdom, temperance, and thankfulness, ever mindful of the love which bestowed them. Let the remembrance of thy fatherly goodness quicken in us brotherly goodwill, and make us prompt to lighten any burdens of poverty and distress. So may we show forth the power of the spirit which was in Christ, and become less unworthy to receive thine unnumbered gifts of blessing. *Amen.*

FOR THE NATION

O thou who fashionest the hearts of men: grant to us, we beseech thee, and to the people of this land, the spirit of obedience to thy commandments, that, walking as in thy presence, we may, under thy mighty guidance, be kept from lawlessness and violence, from discord and confusion and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity, and save us from all injustice, that so we may enjoy a place of honor among the nations and be an example of the blessedness which comes to them that keep thy laws and dwell together in righteousness and peace. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a large place, and sent them to sow beside many waters: give thy grace, we pray thee, to us, their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry and generous public spirit. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Fashion into one happy people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we intrust with the authority of governance. In the time of our prosperity restrain our pride and temper our self-confidence with thankfulness, and in the days of trouble suffer not our trust in thee to fail. *Amen.*

FOR NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Lord of all, whose balance trieth the nations, to lift up or to cast down: thou hast planted us, as a people, and laid upon us a mighty trust. Never through vain conceit may we be blind to the unchanging conditions of thy blessing. The world and its fulness are thine: our portion thereof may we hold, not in wanton self-will, but reverently, as of thee; making it the stronghold of right, the refuge of the oppressed, and the moderator of lawless ambition. Make all who speak or act for this nation true organs of thine equity, that through their wisdom and faithfulness thou mayest be our lawgiver and judge. And let it be that, as with the people so with the chiefs, as with the servant so with the master, as with the buyer so with the seller, all may know thee as weighing the path of the just; that righteousness may be the girdle of our power. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Lord of lords and King of kings: most heartily we beseech thee to look with favor upon our beloved country. So replenish this people with the grace of thy holy spirit

that they may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts. By escaping from the bondage of sin may they become free indeed. By brotherly love and the practice of righteousness may they become truly exalted among the nations, and be known as a people whose God is the Lord. And may the blessings of peace, good order, and national union more and more abound. *Amen.*

FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

O Lord, our God, who rulest over the nations and in whose hand are the destinies of the people: we earnestly pray thee, at this time, to so direct us that we may choose and establish in authority over us the men whom thou approvest and who will serve the State with disinterested zeal and unfailing courage. Suffer not thy people to be embittered against each other in partisan strife. O Lord, who lovest truth, deliver us from the false and slanderous tongue, from the selfish designs of evil men, from bribery, corruption, and an inordinate love of power. Dispose thy people to sincerity, and grant that they may unitedly seek good government and just laws, and a righteous administration of the same, to the praise of thy great name. *Amen.*

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

O thou who rulest in equity and declarest righteous judgment: send down upon the Legislature of this State, now lawfully convened, the spirit of concord, purity, and justice, that all false counsels and evil influences may be absent from the assembly, and that the servants of the people may be directed in wisdom and integrity, according to thy laws. So guide and prosper with thy blessing whatsoever may be devised and enacted, that it may redound to the honor and welfare of this Commonwealth, to the peace and prosperity of the United States, and to the glory of thy name. *Amen.*

FOR THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

O God, our Father, in whom are calmness and peace: reconcile the dissensions which divide us from one another, and bring us into a unity of love which may bear some likeness to thy blessed nature: that we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as with each other, through that peace of thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness wherewith thou, O Lord, art our Father, for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father in heaven take away from us, we pray thee, all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee. *Amen.*

FOR GRACE TO SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto thyself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight.

Grant unto us the mighty love that will sweeten all our obedience. Suffer us not to serve thee with the spirit of bondage as slaves, but to walk before thee with the cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in thee and rejoicing in thy work. *Amen.*

FOR GRACE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

O God, whose kingdom cometh in spirit and in power, and who sendest thy word like the dew that falleth silently upon the earth: grant that all who contend for the faith which thou hast given them may never injure it by clamor and impatience, but, speaking the truth in love, may so present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it thy goodness and thy beauty. *Amen.*

FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Almighty God, our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our hope in sinfulness, and our eternal home: be unto us merciful, long-suffering, and patient; that we, who are slow of growth, may hope to come at last to thy likeness, and, being upheld by thee, may by thy mercy go from strength to strength, until, having safely passed through the joy and duty of this earthly life, we in the fulness of thy mercy may come into the land of the eternal peace. *Amen.*

O God, eternal and unchangeable: we bless thee that, amid all the shadows that fall on our earthly way, the doubts that perplex us, the fears that hinder us, the dimness of our spiritual vision, the partial measure of our approach to thee, we have one steadfast light still shining on our path, even the light of thine infinite love. If thou watchest over us, we are safe; if thou guidest us, we shall not lose the way; if thou art teaching us, we cannot learn amiss. Breathe into our life thy spirit of holiness and love and peace. Awaken in us the high desire and devout affection that will bring us into thy nearer presence. Lift us above the doubts and cares of our unfaithful hearts. Thus may we find the true rest for our souls, the true strength of our life, and joy that abides for ever. *Amen.*

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

O God, who art the great deep of eternal peace and the fountain of blessings, who ever sendest peace to those that are ready to receive it: open to us this day the sea of thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of thy grace. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of thy love; strengthen our weakness by thy power; bind us closely to thee and to each other in one firm bond of unity. *Amen.*

FOR SPIRITUAL FRUITFULNESS

Almighty God, we pray thee that, as the sun shines upon this fair world, so thy light may shine upon our spirits, upon our conscience, upon our love; that we may yield unto thee the fruits thou dost delight in, even the fruits of a serviceable, peaceable, honorable life. *Amen.*

FOR THE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE

Almighty God, the Giver of all good: we give thee thanks for thy faithful ser-

vants who, having witnessed in their lives the power of thy help, have left the light of their example to shine before thy people upon earth. We thank thee for the life which we have from thee, and for the work to which thou hast appointed us; for whatever of good thou hast enabled us to win, and for the hope that leads us on toward eternal life. Give us, we pray, a heartfelt gratitude for these and all thy mercies, and increase in us the manifold gifts of thy spirit; that through thy counsel and might we may do those works which glorify thee, our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

FOR HEALTH AND CONTENTMENT

O God, most holy, Preserver and Governor of all thy creatures and all their actions: keep us this day in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment with our lot and charity with our neighbor; and further all our lawful undertakings with thy blessing. In our labors strengthen us; in our pleasures purify us; in our difficulties direct us; in our perils defend us; in our troubles comfort us; and supply all our needs, according to the riches of thy grace. *Amen.*

FOR PROTECTION AND DEFENCE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: grant us, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we, who in all our dangers rely on thy goodness, may, under thy fatherly protection, be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in thy blessed service. *Amen.*

FOR COMFORT AND FAITH

O thou whose name is Love and whose compassions fail not: let thy merciful kindness be for our comfort when burdens are heavy and sorrow is near, — when our hearts fail us for the things that are coming to pass, and we fear as we enter into the cloud. When our dear ones die out of our sight, still grant to us a large and happy faith, and in our own last hour lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou art the strength of those who put their trust in thee. Send out thy light and thy truth, to shine pure and strong over death and the grave. *Amen.*

FOR BROTHERLY LOVE

O God of Love, who hast given us a new commandment, that we should love one another, even as thou dost love us, the unworthy and the wandering: we pray thee, Lord, give to us, thy servants, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience, and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

FOR STRANGERS

O Lord, who lovest the stranger: defend and nourish, we entreat thee, all sojourners in strange lands and poor helpless persons, that they may glorify thee out of grateful hearts; and to such men as are tyrannical and oppressive give searchings of spirit and amendment of ways, that thou mayest show mercy on them also. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of all who suffer: let the prayers of those who cry out of any tribulation come unto thee, and may they rejoice to find that thy mercy is present with them in their sorrows. Let all who are beset by fears, troubled by poverty, worn by illness, all who are wronged and oppressed, the lonely, the suffering, the weary and heavy-laden, be sustained by thy might, consoled by thy tenderness, and cherished by thy fatherly compassion. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE IN ADVERSITY

Most gracious God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, and whose compassions fail not: we commend to thy pitifulness and protection all in this land who are in sorrow, need, or any other adversity. Especially we beseech thee to remember such as are destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-men. Lift up those that be cast down, mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace preserve from falling those who are tempted into sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair, and finally bring them unto that eternal home, where joy and gladness shall be their portion and where sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS

Hear us, O Lord God Almighty, as we together pray for our brethren who are overborne with trouble and worn with many cares. Have mercy upon those who have brought their anxieties with them into this house of prayer, and whose spirits are heavy and distressed even in the hour of praise; comfort them by thy grace and lift upon them the light of thy countenance. Strengthen, we pray thee, those who try to bear the burdens of their neighbors, and those who strive to enlighten men with the truth that maketh free. Uphold and inspire those who consecrate their powers to hold back the tides of evil in this our land, and all who are trying to help the world towards peace and purity. And we ask thy blessing for those who have no power to help, but can only wait and hope and pray. Have compassion upon those whose souls are dumb under the shadow of affliction, those whom thou hast newly baptized into the sanctity of suffering. Our Father, thou hast ordained that our mortal life should be a struggle; keep us brave and loyal, deliver us from evil, cleanse us by thy spirit, and renew us in thy grace, and afterward receive us into thy kingdom. *Amen.*

FOR THE BEREAVED

Almighty God, in whose comforting and keeping there is shelter from the storm, and in whose mercy and pity there is shadow from the heat of life: hear now our prayers, we pray thee, for those who are mourning for their dead. Send thy pity to lighten their darkness, and the sense of thy presence and sympathy to fill their loneliness. Touch their wounds with healing, and help

them to be still. Give them strength to do and to bear thy perfect will, and to take up the duties of their daily life more bravely for the sake of the beloved who live no longer here on earth. Soon may the heavens open where they are most darkened now, and the angels descend on the silent home and its saddened hearts. Help us more and more to feel and realize that in thy holy care are all thy children, whether here or there; that the Eternal God is our refuge and that underneath are the everlasting arms. *Amen.*

O God, our heavenly Father, unto whom we may come in every hour of darkness and sorrow, to pour out our griefs to thee, and to rest our troubled hearts under the shelter of thy compassion: hear now our prayer for those who are bowed down in mourning. Shine upon their darkness, we pray thee, and enfold their loneliness in thy comforting presence. Thou hast given us the blessed assurance that the sorrows of death are but for a little while, and that the grave is only as a gate of entrance to another world of life. We pray thee, O our Father, to grant us in our hour of bereavement the joy and consolation of that hope; that, when we part from those whom thou callest away, we may say in our hearts that we shall meet again. May we who remain behind a little longer keep ever clear and bright the memory of their lives. May we be blest, even now, by a true communion of spirit with the unseen world, and live as members of one family, one company of friends and brethren, on earth and in heaven. *Amen.*

FOR THE SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS

O thou who art Love and dwellest in love: teach us how to be thine own fellow-workers. Never may we shut our hearts against the sorrows of even the unthankful and the evil. Make us messengers of thy tender mercy, to soothe the wretched, to lift the penitent, to seek and to save the lost; till all shall at length know themselves thy children, and be one with each other and with thee. *Amen.*

FOR ALL WHO ARE ENGAGED IN WORKS OF MERCY

O God, whose love, shed abroad in the hearts of thy children, is mighty to overcome evil, and to redeem and bless the world: we give thanks unto thee for all who are engaged in works of mercy and compassion. Grant the aid of thy counsel, and the support of thy strength, to those who teach the ignorant, who minister to the sick, who visit the fatherless and widows, who plead the cause of the weak and the oppressed. Be with those who go forth to reclaim the sinful, to lift up the degraded, to cheer and sustain the disheartened. Make us to have our part, however humble, in these endeavors. Assure us that whatsoever we do for the healing and enlightenment and encouragement of the least of these our brethren, we do as unto thee. By the faithfulness of those whom thou callest thus to labor for thee, may all who wander, all who despair, and all who suffer be comforted and upbuilt, and brought into richer and more abundant life. *Amen.*

FOR MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: send down on all ministers of the gospel, and on all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. *Amen.*

FOR THE SUCCESSION OF PROPHETS

Almighty God, Fountain of Life and Light, who didst raise up prophets in ancient times to warn and inspire, and didst send abroad into the world apostles, evangelists, pastors, and teachers: we pray thee to raise up in these days an increasing number of wise and faithful men, filled with the old prophetic zeal, by whose labors thy Church may be greatly blessed, and thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who givest knowledge to all that ask thee: grant thy blessing, we pray thee, to all who serve thee here, whether as teachers or learners, and help us in the work which thou hast given us to do. Enable us to labor diligently and faithfully, in singleness of heart, remembering that in thy fear is the beginning of wisdom. May we set thy holy will ever before us, and do that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, that so our work here may count for good to others, both now and in the days to come. Open our eyes to know thy marvellous works, to search our own spirits, and to understand the wondrous things of thy law. Pour into our hearts the excellent gifts of friendship and brotherly love, and grant that in truth and purity we may glorify thee, the Father of lights. *Amen.*

FOR ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind: we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known to them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all who are in any ways afflicted in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

SHORT COLLECTS FOR GENERAL USE

O God, who art Love, grant to thy children to bear one another's burdens in perfect good-will, that thy peace which passeth understanding may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

O God, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired should be sought by labor, and who, by thy blessing, bringest honest labor to good effect: look with favor upon our endeavors. Grant us, O Lord, to design only what is

lawful and right; and afford us calmness of mind and steadiness of purpose, that we may do thy will in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

Almighty Father, whose grace doth ever keep, and whose love can never fail us: we would commit ourselves and our ways unto thee in humble prayer. May we be glad in the Lord, and in the beauty of holiness worship thee. May we invite thy mercies through our charities, and thy great love through our pure and unselfish affections. Make us wise to know thee and faithful to obey thee. *Amen.*

O God, the high and Holy One, who inhabitest Eternity: we pray thee so to enlighten and strengthen us that we may make thee our refuge and trust, our confidence and joy. Let us rest our hearts and our hopes upon thee through all the scenes and trials of this our short and uncertain life; that when heaven and earth shall pass away we may be found in thine eternal dwelling-place, rendering to thee all honor and glory and praise. *Amen.*

We humbly pray thee, O Father in heaven, to guide us through the darkness of this world, to guard us from its perils, to hold us up and strengthen us when we grow weary in our mortal way, and to lead us by thy chosen paths, through time and through death to our eternal home in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

O Thou who art infinite in knowledge and in wisdom: though thy ways are past our finding out, we are sure that they are just and right. We would therefore submit our desires to thy will, our actions to thy government, all our concerns to thy disposal; and now, and at all times, we would offer up our prayers to thee in humility and trust. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

FIRST SELECTION

Psalm I

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm IV

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

The Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm V

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

SECOND SELECTION

Psalm VIII

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm IX

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

The Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Psalm XV

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm XVI

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave, neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

THIRD SELECTION

Psalm XVII

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Psalm XVIII

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised:

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice, and my cry came before him.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; with the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure.

For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and sing praises unto thy name.

FOURTH SELECTION

Psalm XIX

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm XXIII

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm XXIV

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

FIFTH SELECTION

Psalm XXV

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O, bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Psalm XXVI

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; for thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Gather not my soul with sinners, in whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregation will I bless the Lord.

SIXTH SELECTION

Psalm XXVII

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell

in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm XXIX

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm XXXI

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing.

But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

SEVENTH SELECTION

Psalm XXXII

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found.

Thou art my hiding place: thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm XXXIII

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

EIGHTH SELECTION

Psalm XXXIV

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Oh, fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psalm XXXVI

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Oh, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

NINTH SELECTION

Psalm XXXVII

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

TENTH SELECTION

Psalm XXXIX

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm XL

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward:

They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; therefore my heart faileth me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

ELEVENTH SELECTION

Psalm XLII

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

For I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm XLIII

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause: for thou art the God of my strength.

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm XLVI

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Come, behold the works of the Lord. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; God is our refuge.

TWELFTH SELECTION

Psalm XLIX

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

Psalm L

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.

He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; I am God, even thy God.

Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings continually before me.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

These things hast thou done, and I kept silence: thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

THIRTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LI

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm LVI

BE merciful unto me, O God: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm LVII

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God Most High; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save

me. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

FOURTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXI

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer: from the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm LXII

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery.

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Psalm LXIII

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live:

I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed,

and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

FIFTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXV

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Oh, thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm LXVI

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Oh, bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: but verily God hath heard me: he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm LXVII

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

SIXTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXVIII

LET the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

God giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalm LXX

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God.

Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

Psalm LXXI

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

When I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high: O God, who is like unto thee!

SEVENTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXXIII

TRULY God is good to such as are of a clean heart.

But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

It is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm LXXVII

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

EIGHTEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXXXIV

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;

In whose heart are the ways of them who passing through the valley of weeping make it a well.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them appeareth before God.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm LXXXV

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land; thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm LXXXVI

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me; thou hast delivered my soul.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Oh, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

NINETEENTH SELECTION

Psalm LXXXIX

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Psalm XC

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and

groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us.

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

TWENTIETH SELECTION

Psalm XCI

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm XCII

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall still bring forth fruit in old age.

To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

TWENTY-FIRST SELECTION

Psalm XCV

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm XCVI

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, Oh ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord:

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm XCVII

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

TWENTY-SECOND SELECTION

Psalm XCVIII

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:

His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm C

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm CI

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: a froward heart shall depart from me.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house. He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Psalm CII

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me:

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture

shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

TWENTY-THIRD SELECTION

Psalm CIII

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

TWENTY-FOURTH SELECTION

Psalm CIV

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coverest it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

TWENTY-FIFTH SELECTION

Psalm CVII

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield of fruits increase.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

TWENTY-SIXTH SELECTION

Psalm CVIII

O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth;

That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice.

Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly.

Psalm CXI

I WILL praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments.

Psalm CXII

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

Psalm CXIII

PRAISE, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

Praise ye the Lord.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION

Psalm CXVI

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord: I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm CXVIII

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress:

the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can men do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION

Psalm CXIX

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Psalm CXXI

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm CXXIII

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psalm CXXIV

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us:

Then they had swallowed us up, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm CXXVII

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

TWENTY-NINTH SELECTION

Psalm CXXX

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Psalm CXXXIX

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

THIRTIETH SELECTION

Psalm CXLV

I WILL extol thee, O God, my King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

THIRTY-FIRST SELECTION

Psalm CXLVI

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food for the hungry.

Psalm CXLVII

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow and the waters flow.

Psalm CXLVIII

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire and hail; snow and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men and maidens; old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent.

His glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord.

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